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1. SPEAKING IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, FRANCESCO LO PRINZI, CHIEF OF MFA'S ASIAN POLITICAL OFFICE, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ITALIANS ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING A POSSIBLE ARMS DEAL WITH PAKISTAN. WHILE REFUSING TO BE DRAWN OUT ON THE TYPES OF ARMS INVOLVED IN THE PAKISTAN REQUEST, LO PRINZI INDICATED HE WOULD BE RECOMMENDING THAT THE ITALIANS PROCEED WIT THE DEAL NOT WITHSTANDING AN OBVIOUSLY NEGATIVE REACTION FROM NEW DELHI.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN PAST RECORD, MISSION ASSUMES APC FAMILY OF VEHICLES MADE BY OTO MALERA UNDER FMC LICENSE, HELICOPTERS MADE BY AGUSTA UNDER VARIOUS US LICENSES AND/OR F-104'S MADE BY AERITALIA UNDER LOCKHEED LICENSE WOULD BE PRIME CANDIDATES FOR THIS DEAL. END COMMENT. VOLPE

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